

83 Wellesley St. Toronto
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My dear Chattie

We were glad to see Herbert come in just before dinner, he looks as if the home rest had done him all the good possible and I hope there will be no return of the attack in his throat I was very much pleased to have your letter yesterday with all items of home news.

My letter writing days are over so do not look for anything more than a note in return. Nellie's cold is better tho' it still hangs on in the way of a cough--as to the little Joan I'm sorry to say her cold and cough have developed into decided whooping-cough so all the family children will have to shun her company for some time. Eglinton children nearly all have it, it is of mild type save in the case of an elderly and very stout man and he has it badly. Miss M. Meredith has just arrived to indulge in the usual tea-party and be petted by her grand Dad--Tell the little girls that grand mother's B. D. will not come off next week so they must not look for an invitation. Craleigh returned from New York on Tuesday. Jack was posted on to Baltimore for a few days we shall be glad to know what W. thinks of him. A letter from Grace to Nellie said all were well the beginning of the week. Fennie brought good report of Georgie and her new house--there will be a stir now at Ave. St. till Beatrice goes off H. will feel very lonely. Amy I am glad to say is at last suited with two servants. Nellie was there yesterday and thought them very satisfactory and the babies are flourishing. Uncle looks very well he dined here today. Aunt and Emma are well--but Mr. Banks has bronchitis and Mr. Powell is very poorly--the young parsons all seem ailing there is one of the Algoma clergy in his early twenties laid down with rheumatic fever of worst type, (the old story of damp sheets and sharp frost) Alas, for the sufferings of the many and what are we that so many benefits are bestowed on us day after day.

Trevor says he wrote to you yesterday he is to be with us tomorrow and next week his eyes are to be operated on, he is a brave lad and we must hope this will be the last time he will be in the Dr's. grip. I hope your new man will be as good a helper as Mike why did he leave? Love to Tattie B. to all your bonnie girls and your two young men

Ever your loving Mother
E. Osler

Will there be a Xmas Tree for the S. School if so I will have a small bag for it.